



## **Professor Eeva Leinonen, Vice-Chancellor, Murdoch University**

Professor Eeva Leinonen joined Murdoch University as Vice Chancellor in April 2016, after three years of service as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) at the University of Wollongong. Professor Leinonen has an academic background in linguistics and psychology and has extensive experience in

higher education in the United Kingdom, Europe and internationally. Her academic research focuses on pragmatic deficits of children with autistic spectrum disorders as well as higher education topics relating to curriculum and use of technology in learning.

Prior to moving to Australia in 2012, Professor Leinonen held the position of Vice-Principal (Education) and Professor of Clinical Linguistics at King's College, University of London. She has also been Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University of Hertfordshire, UK where she also held a number of other academic leadership positions including Dean of the Faculty of Health and Human Sciences, Director of the Health and Human Sciences Research Institute, Head of the School of Psychology and Head of the School of Humanities.

Professor Leinonen has been actively involved in national and international higher education debates and advisory groups, including: Chair of the UK Higher Education Funding Council/Quality Assurance Agency advisory group into Employer Engagement in Learning, Chair of the King's –Warwick Project, Trustee of IntoUni Charitable Trust; Trustee of the School's Competition Settlement Trust, Member of the Teacher Education Ministerial Advisory Group in Australia, Member of the CEOs Council of Open Educational Resources University; Director of University of Wollongong Dubai Ltd.

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